

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 13, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. EVANS submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Nancy Hammond, daughter of James Dennison, an officer in the army of the revolution, having had the same under consideration, submit the following report :

It appears from the petition and the evidence that James Dennison was a captain in the 6th regiment of New York militia, raised in the manor of Van Renselaerwick ; that in that capacity he performed service in apprehending disaffected persons, and that his house was the resort of the whigs of that section when called into service. That he marched with his company into the western part of the State, where he was attacked with the small-pox, of which he died, leaving a widow and five children, who are all dead except the petitioner, who is now old, poor, and infirm. She asks that she may be allowed a sum of money for her maintainance, or land.

Captain Dennison was a militia officer, and his case does not come within the resolution of Congress of 1780, giving half-pay to the widow and children of those officers of the continental army who were killed or died in battle. Neither is it embraced within any of the pension laws. These provide only for the soldier himself and to his widow.

Your committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the petition be refused.

